

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

JANUARY 23, 2019
WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.

The Irwindale CITY COUNCIL met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia,
H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Burrola;
Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

Also present: William Tam, City Manager; Fred Galante, City
Attorney; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Ty Henshaw,
Police Chief; Jeanette Duran, Finance Manager; Arsanious Hanna,
City Engineer; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura
Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**RECESS TO
CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to
discuss the following:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: United Rock Products Corp. Pit #3
Negotiating Parties: City of Irwindale & United Rock Products Corp.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of potential acquisition

ACTION: Discussed terms, direction provided; no further
reportable action taken

Conference with Legal Counsel – Threat of Litigation
Threat of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of
Section 54956.9

Number of Cases: One

ACTION: Update provided; no further reportable action taken

Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Manager

ACTION: City Manager Tam presented his performance
evaluation, which the Council considered. Direction
provided; no further reportable action taken.

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

At 6:30 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

MAYOR AMBRIZ Mayor Ambriz requested to pull Item Nos. 1C and 1H from the agenda for separate consideration.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR AMBRIZ Mayor Ambriz thanked the volunteers who participated in last night's homeless count and requested that they be recognized for their volunteer efforts.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda requested that the palm trees along the route that the Rose Parade floats travel on be illuminated and decorated with flowers. He also requested additional police patrol on Alice Rodriguez Circle.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – IRWINDALE LIONS CLUB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – IRWINDALE LIONS CLUB

The presentation was made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar; reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof, with the exception of Item Nos. 1C, 1F, and 1H, which were removed for separate consideration, and Councilmember Garcia abstaining from Item No. 1B. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Regular meeting held December 12, 2018

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS / DEMANDS

WARRANTS / DEMANDS

The warrants / demands / were approved (Councilmember Garcia abstained)

ITEM NO. 1D
DESTRUCTION OF
CITY RECORDS

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The list of records, which are eligible for destruction as they have surpassed their retention periods, per the City's adopted Records Retention Schedule, was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 1E
DECLARATION OF
SURPLUS VEHICLES
AND EQUIPMENT

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The vehicles and equipment described in the list were deemed to be surplus vehicles and equipment and the City Manager or his designee was authorized to dispose of the property in accordance with Section 3.44.150 of the Irwindale Municipal Code.

ITEM NO. 1G
APPROVAL OF
MOU FOR STATEWIDE
ELECTRONIC COURIER
UNIVERSAL
RECORDING
ENVIRONMENT
(SECURE)

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC COURIER UNIVERSAL RECORDING
ENVIRONMENT (SECURE)

The City Manager was authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the Statewide Electronic Courier Universal Recording Environment (SECURE).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 1C
INVESTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT
FOR DECEMBER 31,
2018

INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2018
(Joint Item on Successor Agency and Housing Authority)

DIRECTOR CARREON

Director Carreon presented the report.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz encouraged staff to continue ensuring that the city's investments are sound and safe.

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Mayor Ambriz, to receive and file the Investment Quarterly Report for December 31, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1F
ACCEPTANCE OF
IMPROVEMENTS FOR
THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS' AUDIO /
VISUAL SYSTEM
EQUIPMENT
INSTALLED BY
WESTERN AUDIO
VISUAL

ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER'S AUDIO / VISUAL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT INSTALLED
BY WESTERN AUDIO VISUAL

MAYOR PRO TEM
BURROLA

As requested by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Assistant City Manager Olivares discussed the contents of the two project change orders referenced in the staff report.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, to 1) ratify the changes in work and accept the improvements for the City Council Chamber's Audio / Visual System Equipment installed by Western Audio Visual; and 2) approve the final contract amount of \$61,654.76. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1H
REQUEST TO
APPROVE A CONTRACT
WITH ECORP
CONSULTING, INC.
FOR THE
PREPARATION OF
CEQA DOCUMENTS

REQUEST TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING
CONTRACT WITH ECORP CONSULTING, INC. FOR THE
PREPARATION OF CEQA DOCUMENTS (INITIAL STUDY AND
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STAND-
ALONE CONCRETE TILT-UP BUILDING TOTALING
APPROXIMATELY 528,710 SQUARE FEET FOR WAREHOUSE
AND OFFICE USE, ASSOCIATED PARKING AND LANDSCAPING
LOCATED AT 13131 LOS ANGELES STREET (APN 8535-020-007
PER THE 2018 ASSESSOR'S PARCEL MAP)

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER SIMPSON

Community Development Manager Simpson presented the staff report.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz expressed his optimism that this project will bring in jobs and revenue to the city, and made a motion to approve the contract with ECorp Consulting, Inc., for the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report to be prepared in association with a land use entitlement application for property located at 13131 Los Angeles Street, Irwindale.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Responding to several questions by Councilmember Ortiz, Manager Simpson advised that the applicant, Duke Realty, will bear the full costs of preparing whichever environmental documentation this project requires. Staff is requesting that the developer deposit funding to cover the full cost of an environmental impact report;

however, if only a mitigated negative declaration is required, then the remaining funds will be refunded. She added that a tenant has not been identified for this specific site yet.

CITY ATTORNEY
GALANTE

City Attorney Galante added that the developer would be required to make the deposit and continue making payments. Should they fail to make said payments, the Council can suspend the process so that the city does not lose funds.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Ortiz seconded Mayor Ambriz's motion and, on a call for the vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES DEPT. OF
ANIMAL CARE AND
CONTROL INCREASED
COSTS FOR CONTRACT
CITIES

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE
AND CONTROL INCREASED COSTS FOR CONTRACT CITIES

PUBLIC WORKS
SERVICES MANAGER
RODRIGUEZ

Public Works Services Manager Rodriguez presented the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz noted previous concerns from both residents and Councilmembers regarding the delayed response times of Los Angeles County Animal Control Officers in addressing requests for service. He suggested approving this item in order to send the proposed letter, but also encouraged staff to continued researching alternative services and their associated costs.

MANAGER RODRIGUEZ

Manager Rodriguez indicated that 17 agencies have met to discuss options and noted that a limited amount of agencies provide animal care and control. She explained the challenges involved in contracting with another entity for animal care and control.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Responding to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, Manager Rodriguez indicated that the city of Duarte is paying a reduced fee to the County for animal services since the city hired two full-time animal control officers, which reduces the amount of work required from the County.

MAYOR PRO TEM
BURROLA

Mayor Pro Tem Burrola requested that staff continue researching for other, cost-saving alternatives.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Responding to a comment by Councilmember Breceda, Manager Rodriguez advised that the action being recommended by staff would authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the County Director of Animal Services to request that their fee structure be revised. She added that staff can present alternatives to the Council in the future.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Mayor Ambriz, to authorize the Mayor to sign and deliver a letter to Ms. Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer for the County of Los Angeles, regarding the County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control's increase costs for contract cities, including Irwindale, and to direct staff to continue searching for feasible alternatives for animal control which would result in cost savings. The motion was unanimously approved.
CITY ATTORNEY GALANTE	City Attorney Galante noted that the City of Riverside has created its own animal control program and that other cities have hired them for their services.
RECESS	At 7:13 p.m., the City Council took a short recess.
RECONVENE	At 7:18 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.
<u>ITEM NO. 2B</u> ACCEPTANCE OF MANNING PIT REMEDICATION AND GRADING PROJECT	ACCEPTANCE OF MANNING PIT REMEDIATION AND GRADING PROJECT
CITY MANAGER TAM	<p>City Manager Tam presented the staff report and provided background information on the Manning Pit, which staff was tasked with filling and remediating. He noted that the contractor that had been hired in the 90's to fill the pit did so utilizing inappropriate fill material. The pit sat dormant until a license agreement was executed in 2007, and the new contractor commenced filling the pit appropriately, with the rough grading having been completed last week. Good results were achieved from site compaction tests. The site was filled entirely with clean soil and is clean to state and federal standards for housing developments. Staff is recommending the approval of the remediation and grading of the project.</p> <p>City Manager Tam discussed some of the challenges that were faced while filling the pit, such as the need to coordinate and work with the county for the construction of a buttress and to allow the city to encroach onto the county side to provide engineering support for the area that was backfilled. Additionally, constructing the access road also presented challenges. After the Council approves and accepts the project, staff will put together a pit closure report to submit to the regional water quality control board.</p>

City Manager Tam recognized the hard work of everybody involved in this project, from city staff current and past, to contract workers.

MAYOR PRO TEM
BURROLA

Responding to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, City Manager Tam indicated that grading at the site is already at street level. The next phase will be related to vertical construction. The city has retained the westerly 10 acres for future use.

Mayor Pro Tem Burrola commended everybody involved for their excellent work.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Mayor Breceda to: 1) accept the work performed by Windrow Earth Transport Inc. for the Manning Pit Remediation and Grading Project, and 2) authorize staff to prepare the project closure package for the Manning Pit, formerly known as Irwindale Pit No. 1.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda commended city staff and the Gabays for their hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz also thanked staff for their commendable work.

BRENT MCDONALD

Brent McDonald, Project Manager, spoke on the challenges the project faced and expressed his pleasure in working with city staff.

KEN BUCKMEIER

Ken Buckmeier, with Glendora Transport, expressed his gratitude in working with the city.

MARK GABAY

Mark Gabay thanked Mr. McDonalds and city staff for their efforts.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz thanked all involved for their hard work and encouraged the city to continue working toward the goal of fully developing the site.

ROLL CALL

The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORTS**

CITY MANAGER TAM

City Manager Tam reported on the I-605 Live Oak Ramp Modification project, and noted that the contractor has begun construction, which will take about 10 months to complete.

CITY ENGINEER HANNA

City Engineer Hanna indicated that the contractor has started moving gutters, sidewalks, and signs, and that the ramp closure will follow Caltrans timing, from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

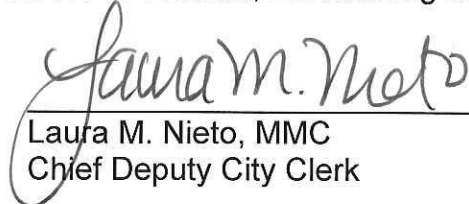
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COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda introduced Veronica Lopez as Senator Rubio's Representative, and Valley County Water Board Member Jazmin Lopez.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held February 13, 2019.